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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PROPOSAL

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1. SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED NOTE INVITING INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPERTS' MEETING SEPT. 18 AND 19 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT ON "FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES IN HARMONY WITH THAT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." PURPOSE OF EXPERTS' MEETING, WHICH NOTE DESCRIBES AS PRIMARILY OF "TECHNICAL NATURE," WILL BE TO PREPARE FOR OCTOBER 9-10 AD HOC MEETING ON SAME SUBJECT. SECRETARIAT HOPES THAT SEPT. 18-19 MEETING WILL LEAD TO BROAD CONSENSUS ON GENERAL LINES OF RESEARCH, ENABLING OCTOBER AD HOC MEETING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON FINAL DEFINITION OF PROJECT AND MOST APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. SECRETARIAT HAS OFFERED TO PAY EXPENSES FOR "APPROPRIATE EXPERT" FROM US TO ATTEND SEPTEMBER MEETING.

2. DUE TO AUGUST VACATION ABSENCES, SECRETARIAT IS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YET CERTAIN HOW MANY GOVERNMENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN

SEPT. MEETING OR HOW MANY WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS. AT SABURO OKITA'S RECOMMENDATION, JAPANESE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE KOGANE, AN OKITA PROTEGE WHO, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE DELEGATION, MAY BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING FULL-TIME MEMBER OF RESEARCH STAFF WHEN PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY. OKITA IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND OCTOBER MEETING.

3. MISSION HAS AIRMAILED TO DEPARTMENT (CLARK, EUR/RPE) COPIES OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS ON SCOPE AND ORGANIZATION OF PROJECT SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING JAPANESE.

4. MISSION COMMENTS: MISSION AGREES WITH DEPARTMENT (REFTEL) THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO ATTEMPT TO DELINEATE PRECISELY THE AREAS TO BE COVERED BY THE STUDY AND THAT FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE TO SELECT HIGHLY QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP FOR RESEARCH TEAM WHICH WOULD THEN PROCEED TO DEFINE SPECIFIC AREAS OF STUDY. WE, THEREFORE, DOUBT THAT MUCH WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AT SEPTEMBER EXPERTS' MEETING. WE SEE NO NEED FOR WASHINGTON REPRESENTATION AT THAT MEETING UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS IDENTIFIED SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR ONE OF LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ON RESEARCH TEAM WHO MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SECRETARIAT'S OFFER TO PAY EXPENSES IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH PROJECT.

5. FOR EMBASSY TOKYO: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON KOGANE'S BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSUMING LEADERSHIP POSITION ON RESEARCH TEAM.
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